



INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS

Mobil Oil Corp.; and Meridian Oil Inc. and San Juan Basin Drilling Associates
v. Albuquerque Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

18 IBIA 86 (12/20/1989)

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Set aside, *Mobil Oil Corp. v. Babbitt*, No. CIV 92-N-1039
(D. Colo. May 22, 1995)



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MOBIL OIL CORPORATION,
Appellant

and

MERIDIAN OIL INC. and
SAN JUAN BASIN DRILLING
ASSOCIATES,
Appellants

v.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA DIRECTOR,
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Appellee

: Order Allowing Withdrawal of
: Appellants, Severing Appeals,
: and Dismissing Docket
: No. IBIA 90-3-A
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: Docket Nos. IBIA 89-102-A
: IBIA 90-3-A
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: December 20, 1989

These are appeals from an August 11, 1989, decision of the Albuquerque Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, holding that Southern Ute tribal oil and gas leases MOO-C-1420-1660 and MOO-C-1420-1661 expired by their own terms prior to August 1988 for failure to produce oil and/or gas in paying quantities. The appeals were consolidated by Board order of October 12, 1989. By order of November 27, 1989, the Board approved an interim agreement and stipulation providing for, inter alia, continued oil and gas operations on the disputed leases pending resolution of the dispute.

On December 18, 1989, the Board received a motion for leave to withdraw from this proceeding from appellants Meridian Oil Inc. and San Juan Basin Drilling Associates. They state that, because their rights are fully protected no matter who prevails in this appeal, they have no interest in the matter and do not wish to proceed further.

The motion of Meridian Oil Inc. and San Juan Basin Drilling Associates is granted. The appeal filed by these two appellants, Docket No. IBIA 90-3-A, is severed from the appeal filed by Mobil Oil Corporation, Docket No. IBIA 89-102-A.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR 4.1, Docket No. IBIA 90-3-A is dismissed with prejudice.

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Anita Vogt
Administrative Judge

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Kathryn A. Lynn
Chief Administrative Judge